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I. DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

II. RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Human Rights held its First Special Session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 13 to 14 August 1992. It held ... meetings (E/CN.4/1992/SR.11-...) during the session.

2. The First Special Session was opened by Mr. Pál Solt (Hungary), Chairman of the Commission at its forty-eighth session, who made a statement. The Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights also addressed the Commission at its 1st meeting.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of States members of the Commission, by observers from other State Members of the United Nations, by observers from non-member States and by representatives of the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, national liberation movements and non-governmental organizations. An attendance list is given in annex I to the present report.

C. Officers

4. The Commission had elected at its forty-eighth session the following officers, who continued to serve as the officers of the First Special Session of the Commission:

Chairman:	Mr. Pál Solt (Hungary)
Vice Chairmen:	Mr. Ronald Alfred Walker (Australia)
	Mr. Sious Nasseri (Islamic Republic of Iran)
	Mr. Mohamed Ennaceur (Tunisia)
Rapporteur:	Mrs. Ligia Galvis (Colombia)

D. Agenda

5. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission had before it the provisional agenda for the First Special Session (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/1 and Add. 1), drawn up in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

6. The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement, proposing to amend the title of the agenda item 3 as follows:

> Add at the end of the title, ": deterioration of the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

7. In connection with the proposed amendment, statements were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Netherlands, Pakistan, Senegal, Tunisia, United States of America.

8. The representative of the United States of America requested a vote on the proposed amendment.

9. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

10. The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya withdrew the proposed amendment.

11. The agenda was adopted without a vote. For the text of the agenda as adopted, see annex II to the present report.

E. Organization of work

12. At its 1st meeting, on 13 August 1992, the Commission considered the organization of its work.

13. The Commission accepted the recommendation of its officers regarding the limitation of the duration of statements. Members of the Commission, observers and non-governmental organizations were limited to one statement of 10 minutes. It was also agreed that, with regard to rights of reply, the practice followed by the Third Committee of the General Assembly, namely a limitation to two replies, five minutes for the first and three minutes for the second, would be observed.

14. The Commission also accepted the recommendation of its officers that the requirement stipulated in rule 52 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council should be waived.

F. Meetings, resolution and documentation

15. Of the ... meetings held by the Commission, ... were extended to the equivalent of ... additional meetings.

16. The resolution adopted by the Commission at its First Special Session is contained in chapter II of the present report. A draft resolution for action by the Economic and Social Council is set out in chapter I.

17. Annex III contains an explanation of the administrative and programme budget implications of the resolution of the Commission, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

18. Annex IV contains a list of documents issued for the First Special Session of the Commission.

G. Other matters

19. At the 1st meeting, on 13 August 1992, the representatives of Australia, Austria, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America made statements with regard to the question of the representation of Yugoslavia.

IV. LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA ADDRESSED TO THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

20. The Commission considered agenda item 4 at its 1st to -th meetings, from 13 to 14 August 1992.

21. In connection with the consideration of item 3, the Commission had before it the following documents:

Letter dated 5 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/2);

Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/3);

Note by the Chairman (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/4);

Letter dated 10 August 1992 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/5);

Letter dated 7 August 1992 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/6);

Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/7);

Written statement submitted by the International Human Rights Law Group, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category II) (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/NGO/1);

Written statement submitted by the World Federalist Movement, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category II) (E/CN.4/1992/S-1/NGO/2).

22. In the general debate on item 4, statements were made by the following members of the Commission: Argentina (2nd), Australia (2nd), Austria (2nd), Brazil (2nd), Bulgaria (2nd), Canada (2nd), Chile (2nd), Costa Rica (2nd), Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (2nd), Germany (2nd), Hungary (2nd), Indonesia (2nd), Italy (2nd), Japan (2nd), Nigeria (2nd), Philippines (2nd), Russian Federation (2nd), Tunisia (2nd), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2nd), United States of America (1st), Yugoslavia (2nd).

23. The Commission also heard statements by the observers for: Algeria (2nd), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1st), Croatia (1st), Egypt (2nd), Finland (2nd), New Zealand (2nd), Norway (2nd), Poland (2nd), Slovenia (2nd), Sweden (2nd), Yemen (2nd).

24. The observers for the Holy See (2nd) and Switzerland (2nd) made statements.

25. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1st) and the United Nations Children's Fund (1st).

26. The observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement (1st).

The Commission also heard statements from the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International (2nd), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (2nd), Friends World Committee for Consultation (2nd), Human Rights Advocates (2nd), International Association of Educators for World Peace (2nd), International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (2nd), International Council of Voluntary Agencies (2nd), International Educational Development, Inc., (2nd), International Progress Organization (2nd), Muslim World League (2nd), World Movement of Mothers (2nd), World University Service (2nd).

27. A statements in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United States of America (2nd).

V. REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

At its -th meeting on 14 August 1992, the Commission considered the draft report on the work of the First Special Session. The draft report, as amended in the course of the discussion, was adopted.

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Annex III

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS
OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT
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